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) CUSTOMER NO.: 25269

ANALYZING SYSTEM FOR ANALYZING
MEDICAL SAMPLES

) CONFIRMATION NO.: 8230

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SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

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Sir:

The inventors herewith submit another copy of the Information
Disclosure Statement, filed May 15, 2001.

With respect to German Patent 298 23 595, this document shows a
chemical analyzer (1) having an additional unit (10) for external data
exchange data which is activated on determining that internally stored
reagent parameters are not appropriate. More specifically, the chemical
analyzer (1), including an input (5, 6) for reagent property information
and a data store (7) for holding measurement evaluation parameters, has
an additional unit (10) for data exchange with a central data station by
means of a system (13) which is activated when a comparison circuit (8)
determines that the stored parameters are not appropriate for the
reagent present in the analysis test cell (2). The additional unit (10) has

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a disconnectable connection with the rest of the analyzer and has a system (9, 11) for data exchange with the data store (7), an intermediate store (12) and a system for data exchange by a conventional telephone network.

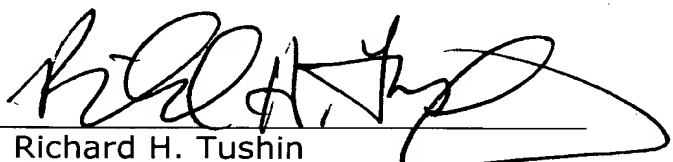
The additional unit (10) permits rapid and automatic matching of stored parameters with the reagent properties and, if required, acquisition of further parameter sets for storage in the analyzer, thus avoiding laborious input by keyboard or expensive exchange of data carriers, as well as possible associated errors.

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